At a Meeting of the Towns of Salem Danvers, Ipswich, Newbury port Lynn, Gloucester Topsfield, Manchester & Methuen in Convention on Wednesday the 15th of April A.D. 1778

Voted That Daniel Noyes be Clerk of this Convention.

Voted That Peter Coffin Esqr be Chairman of this Convention.

Voted That the Towns in the County, which have not sent their Delegates to this Convention, be invited to send at the Adjournment

Voted That Mr Goodale, Major Dalton & Mr Jackson be a Committee to draft a Letter to the several Towns in the County, which have not sent their Delegates to this Convention, to invite them to send at the Adjournment

Voted That the Draft of the Committee be accepted & that the Clerk be directed to sign and send Copies thereof to the several Towns in the County, which have not attended this Convention by their Delegates.

Pardons (C. P.) Jackson Col

At the Adjournment on the 29th Day of April 1778 present Delegates from all the above Towns except Lynn & Methuen and also from the Towns of Salisbury, Wenham & Boxford

Voted 2dly That a Bill of Rights clearing ascertaining & defining the Rights of Conscience & that security of person and property which every member in the State hath a right to expect from the supreme power thereof, ought to be settled and established previous to the Ratification of any Constitution for the State

Voted 1dly That the present Situation of this State renders it best that the framing a Constitution therefor should be postponed 'till the publick Affairs are in a more peaceable & settled Condition.

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